

on the internet and social media, after receiving testimony from Michael Steinbach, Executive Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; George Selim, Director, Office for Community Partnerships, Department of Homeland Security; Meagen M. LaGrafte, Chief of Staff, Global Engagement Center, Department of State; and Peter Bergen, New America, and Alberto M. Fernandez, Middle East Media Research Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Carole Schwartz Rendon, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio.

DHS OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after

receiving testimony from Jeh Charles Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

SMALL BUSINESS FLOOD INSURANCE RATES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business survival amidst flood insurance rate increases, including S. 1679, to amend the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 to require that certain buildings and personal property be covered by flood insurance, after receiving testimony from Roy Wright, Deputy Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Kevin Robles, Domain Homes, Tampa, Florida; Ceil Strauss, Association of State Floodplain Managers, St. Paul, Minnesota; David McKey, National Association of Realtors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Randy Noel, Reve Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 5628–5633, 5635–5650; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 141; and H. Res. 808 were introduced. **Pages H4465–66**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4467–68**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2646, to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–667, Part 1);

H.R. 5634, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–668);

Conference report on S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (H. Rept. 114–669); and

H. Res. 809, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 524) to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–670). **Page H4465**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jenkins (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4279**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:26 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4288**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend James R. Shaw, Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, VA. **Page H4288**

Committee Leave of Absence: Read a letter from Representative Castro (TX) wherein he notified the House that he is taking a leave of absence from the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H4293**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Castro (TX). **Page H4293**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act: H.R. 2646, amended, to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 422

yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 355.

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H4333–34

Restoring Access to Medication Act: The House passed H.R. 1270, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements, by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 351.

Pages H4325–31

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–60 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Page H4325**

H. Res. 793, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1270) was agreed to yesterday, July 5th.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 5th:

Global Food Security Act of 2016: S. 1252, to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 369 yeas to 53 nays, Roll No. 354.

Pages H4332–33

Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 2845, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014.

Page H4334

Expressing condolences for the killing of the British Member of Parliament (MP) Jo Cox: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 806, expressing condolences for the killing of the British Member of Parliament (MP) Jo Cox.

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Federal Information Systems Safeguards Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 4361, to amend section 3554 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for enhanced security of Federal information systems, by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 376.

Pages H4293–H4301, H4331–32, H4334–46, H4449–60, H4460–64

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Thompson (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 375.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–59 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill.

Pages H4340–41

Agreed to:

Palmer amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–666) that makes technical and conforming changes to the bill; and

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Posey amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–666), as modified, that establishes that no agency employee when acting in their official capacity shall be permitted to establish, operate, maintain, or otherwise permit the use of information technology not certified by the Agency's Chief Information Officer as in compliance with the established information security protocols.

Pages H4344–45

Rejected:

Norton amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–666) that sought to strike sections that extend probationary periods, modifies suspension and termination procedures, forced mandatory leave provisions, and others (by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 373); and

Pages H4345–46, H4449–50

Watson Coleman amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–666) that sought to exempt from the midnight rules moratorium any rule that has been included in the Unified Regulatory Agenda for at least one year (by a recorded vote of 179 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 374).

Pages H4346, H4450–51

H. Res. 803, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4361) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 353, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 352.

Pages H4331–32

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017: The House began consideration of H.R. 5485, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 7th.

Pages H4346–92, H4419–49

The Chair sustained a point of order raised by Representative Chaffetz against certain provisions of the bill, and subsequently Representative Kaptur appealed the Chair's ruling. The ruling of the Chair

was sustained by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 356.

Pages H4391–92

Agreed to:

Amodei amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds from being used to enforce the requirement in section 316(b)(4)(D) of the Federal Election Campaign Act that solicitation of contribution from member corporations stockholders or personnel from a trade association be separately and specifically approved by the member corporation involved prior to the solicitation, and that such member corporations does not approve any such solicitation by more than one trade association in any calendar year (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 371); and

Pages H4436–37, H4448

Blackburn amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds made available by the Act from being used to implement, administer or enforce any of the rules proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted by the FCC on March 31, 2016 (FCC 16–39), intended to regulate consumer privacy obligations as necessitated by the FCC's net neutrality regime (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 372).

Pages H4437–38, H4448–49

Rejected:

Ellison amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to reprogram already appropriated funds to create an Office of Good Jobs for the Department of Treasury (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 357);

Pages H4419–20, H4439

Duffy amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to decrease by \$20.7 million the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) account to offset an inappropriate augmentation of this account outside of the congressional appropriations process by the Department of Justice through settlement agreements which required banks to donate \$20.7 million to certified CDFI entities (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 358);

Pages H4420–22, H4439–40

Becerra amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike Section 127, which prevents the IRS from issuing guidance to more clearly define political activity for 501(c)(4) organizations (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 359);

Pages H4422–23, H4440–41

Ellison amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike restrictions on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's ability to promulgate rules restricting pre-dispute mandatory arbitration agreements in consumer contracts with firms offering financial products (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 360);

Pages H4423–24, H4441

Moore en bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–639: Moore (No. 5) that sought to strike Section 501 to preserve the independent funding and transfer of funds from the Federal Reserve to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Moore (No. 6) that sought to strike Section 503 to preserve the independent funding and transfer of funds from the Federal Reserve to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and Moore (No. 7) that sought to strike Section 505 to preserve the current management structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau under a single Director (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 361);

Pages H4424–25, H4441–42

Himes amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to increase funding for the SEC by \$50 million (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 362);

Pages H4425–26, H4442

DeFazio amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to decrease funding for the Selective Service System by \$22,703,000 and increases the spending reduction account by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 363);

Pages H4426–27, H4443

Grayson amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike section 613 (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 364);

Pages H4427–29, H4443–44

Kildee amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike Section 625 of the bill, a provision that prevents the SEC from developing or finalizing a rule that requires the disclosure of political contributions to tax exempt organizations (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 365);

Pages H4429–30, H4444

Eshoo amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike section 632 (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 366);

Pages H4430–31, H4444–45

Ellison amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike section 637 (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 367);

Pages H4431–32, H4445–46

Ellison amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike section 638 (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 368);

Pages H4432–34, H4446

Sewell (AL) amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike section 639, which prohibits funds from being used by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (CFPB) to enforce regulations or rules with respect to payday loans, vehicle title loans, or other similar loans during FY 2017 (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 369); and

Pages H4434–35, H4446–47

Norton amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike the repeal of the District of Columbia budget autonomy referendum (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 370).

Pages H4435–36, H4447–48

Proceedings Postponed:

Blackburn amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that seeks to provide for a one percent across the board cut to the bill's discretionary spending levels;

Pages H4460–62

Buck amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that seeks to reduce the salary of the IRS Commissioner to \$0 annually from date of enactment through January 20, 2017; and

Pages H4462–63

Davidson amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to change the Selective Service System registration requirements.

Pages H4463–64

H. Res. 794, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5485) was agreed to yesterday, July 5th.

Quorum Calls Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and twenty-two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4330–31, H4331–32, H4332, H4332–33, H4333–34, H4391–92, H4439, H4439–40, H4440, H4441, H4441–42, H4442, H4443, H4443–44, H4444, H4445, H4445–46, H4446, H4447, H4447–48, H4448, H4449, H4449–50, H4450–51, H4459, H4460. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:44 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2016.

Committee Meetings

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: EVALUATING ERROR RATES AND ANTI-FRAUD MEASURES TO ENHANCE PROGRAM INTEGRITY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Evaluating Error Rates and Anti-Fraud Measures to Enhance Program Integrity”. Testimony was heard from Jessica Shahin, Associate Administrator, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture; Kay Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and Dave Yost, Auditor of State, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a markup on the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

AVIATION READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Aviation Readiness”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Kevin W. Mangum, USA, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; Rear Admiral Michael C. Manazir, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems, U.S. Navy; and Major General Scott D. West, USAF, Director of Current Operations, U.S. Air Force.

ALTERNATE APPROACHES TO FEDERAL BUDGETING

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Alternate Approaches to Federal Budgeting”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF EPA'S REGULATORY ACTIVITY DURING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION: ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “A Review of EPA's Regulatory Activity During the Obama Administration: Energy and Industrial Sectors”. Testimony was heard from Lynn D. Helms, Director, North Dakota Industrial Commission, Department of Mineral Resources; Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; David J. Porter, Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas; and public witnesses.

FINANCIALLY REWARDING TERRORISM IN THE WEST BANK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Financially Rewarding Terrorism in the West Bank”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup on H. Res. 210, affirming and recognizing the Khmer, Laotian, Hmong, and Montagnard Freedom Fighters and the people of Cambodia and Laos for their support and defense of the United States Armed Forces and freedom in Southeast Asia; H. Res. 634, recognizing the importance of the United States-Republic of Korea-Japan trilateral relationship to counter North Korean